If you intend to have bloom for flower shows during the coming weeks, bud-drop and deformed flowers can be prevented to a great extent by spraying with a nicotine emulsion mixture about four or five weeks before the shows. Seeding may be started this October, November, and December.

At the end of October, it is interesting to stop and look back over your garden, note the things you have done wrong if any, and if you do not know the answers by now, refer your problem to the American Hibiscus Society publication, the SEED POD, the question box department. The Society will be glad to be of any help they can.

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TOPICS OF INTEREST

HIBISCUS FLOWER SHOWS IN FLORIDA 1958

Putnam County Chapter, Palatka ..... August 31
Mid-Florida Chapter, Orlando ..... September 7
James E. Hendry Chapter, Ft. Myers ..... September 7
Jacksonville Chapter, Jacksonville ..... September 14
Halifax Chapter, Daytona Beach ..... September 21

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DELINQUENT MEMBERSHIPS - If you have not paid your dues please forward them immediately. The SEED POD is sent ONLY to its paid members and the revised Nomenclature is free ONLY to members.

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SPECIAL NOTICE!!! Address of new Executive Secretary James E. Monroe, P. O. Box 25, Eagle Lake, Florida.

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We have received a letter from Mr. James Lynch of Marerro, Louisiana. He remarks that he enjoys the

SEED POD and makes the following interesting comments. "I have about 150 varieties and am always on the lookout for something new. I would like to have the name of some Hawaiian growers if you know of some reliable ones. You people in Florida are producing some fine varieties but Hawaii seems to be producing more of the unusual color breaks. I have about 50 seedlings that should bloom this year. Here in our climate, the seeds are produced in the fall and sometimes the frost destroys them before they are ripe. Hibiscus is a very popular shrub here and although cut down some years, are seldon killed."

Hawaiian sources may address Mr. Lynch at 568 Meyers Boulevard, Marerro, Louisiana.

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Mrs. Byron E. Dodd, 514 Fillmore Ave., New Orleans is due recognition for the great work she is doing for the A.H.S. in New Orleans. Mrs. Dodd has suggested that the Society try to publish in its SEED POD a complete list of our membership. This is an excellent thought and we will make every effort to publish our membership list this year.

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THE MID-FLORIDA CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN HIBISCUS SOCIETY will present its Eighth Annual Show at the Memorial Junior High School, Rosalind and Washington Streets, Orlando, Sunday, September 7, 1958, 1:00 to 5:30 P. M.

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I would like to personally thank Paul White of the Frank C. White Nursery, Holly Hill, for the nice material sent me from the University of Florida this past year. We hope to use some of it in our November issue.

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